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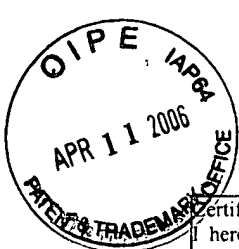
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DIMENSIONAL SUBSTRATE**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This document responds to the Office Action mailed on January 9, 2006 (the "Office Action"). Claims 1-56 are now pending in this application. The Office Action rejected claim, 19 as being purportedly indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2. The Office Action also rejected claims 1-5, 7, 12-17, 46, 47 and 51-56 on the grounds that they are purportedly anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by U.S. Patent No. 6,231,931 ("Blazey '931"). The Office Action further rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 53 and 56 as being purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,268,022 ("Schlegel '022"). The Office Action further rejected claims 1-5, 7-13, 18, 20-22, 28, 32-35, 39-44, 46, 47, 49 and 51-56 as being purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No.

5,989,638 (“Nielsen ‘638”). The Office Action further rejected claims 1, 4-7, 12, 13, 32-35, 52, 53 and 56 as being purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0183166 (U.S. Patent No. 6,746,535 (“Hasenour ‘535”)). The Office Action further rejected several dependent claims as described in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Blazey ‘931 or Nielsen ‘638 taken in view of other prior art references.

Applicants submit with this response a declaration of one of the inventors, Mr. David R. Hagopian, that explains how the term three-dimensional substrate is understood in the field of coating substrates and that it is understood in the field of coating substrates that 2 mils of coating is not within the range of “about 3 to 10 mils” of coating. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of the Office Action in view of the declaration of Mr. Hagopian and the following remarks.